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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PINT, WB. GW

SUBJECT: TRANSPORTATION OF MEINHOF OUT OF BERLIN

REF: USBERLIN 2186

1. SINCE SENAT APPROACH EVENING NOVEMBER 30, THREE ALLIED MISSIONS HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH ALL POTENTIAL CHARTERS KNOWN TO THEM THAT MIGHT AGREE TO TRANSPORT MEINHOF OUT OF BERLIN. ALL HAVE DECLINED. BRITISH MISSION AGAIN TRIED DAN AIR LONDON OFFICE AS WELL AS BA AND WAS TURNED DOWN; FRENCH HAVE REPORTED SIMILAR RESULTS. FOR OUR PART, WE PERSUADED PAN AM TO PUT CASE ONCE MORE TO NEW YORK OFFICE, BUT VICE PRESIDENT FOR SECURITY CUNNINGHAM SAID ANSWER WAS "NO". (IF EMBASSY AND DEPARTMENT CONCUR, ONE  
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POSSIBILITY WOULD BE FURTHER APPROACH TO PANAM BY DEPARTMENT.)

AEROAMERICA HAS PLANE ON GROUND AT TEGEL,  
BUT SEATTLE OFFICE SAID THEY WOULD NOT WISH TRANSPORT OF  
MEINHOF TO CONSTITUTE THEIR FIRST FLIGHT OUT OF BERLIN.

2. INFORMED NO PROSPECTS FOR AN ALLIED CHARTER WERE  
IN SIGHT, HEAD OF CHANCELLERY HERZ AT 1400 DECEMBER 1  
FORMALLY REQUESTED US MISSION TO MAKE AIR FORCE PLANE AVAILABLE.  
HE SAID POSSIBILITY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT HAD BEEN FULLY CONSIDERED  
BUT RULED OUT ON GROUNDS OF RISK INVOLVED IN MOVING MEINHOF THROUGH  
SOVEREIGN GDR TERRITORY. THERE IS, FOR EXAMPLE, CONCERN THAT ESCORT  
WOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO CARRY ARMS SUCH AS SUB-MACHINE GUNS  
WHICH THEY FEEL ARE REQUIRED. HERZ SAID THAT MEINHOF'S PHYSICAL  
CONDITION WAS SUCH THAT IN SENAT'S JUDGEMENT SHE SHOULD BE MOVED  
OUT BY AFTERNOON DECEMBER 2 AT THE LATEST.

3. INASMUCH AS FRENCH ARE NEW IN CHAIR, WE SUGGESTED TO HERZ  
THAT HE DIRECT HIS REQUEST TO ALLIES THROUGH FRENCH, AND WE ARE  
NOW INFORMED BY FRENCH THAT HE HAS DONE SO, ADDING THAT IF ALLIES  
ARE NOT FORTHCOMING SENAT WILL PROBABLY REQUEST FEDERAL AUTHORITIES  
TO APPROACH EMBASSIES. FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH EMBASSY, WE  
ARE INFORMING SENAT THROUGH FRENCH THAT WE CONTINUE TO HOLD VIEW  
THAT MEANS OTHER THAN AIR FORCE PLANE SHOULD BE FOUND FOR  
TRANSPORTING  
MEINHOF; FRENCH ARE GIVING SIMILAR RESPONSE. (US AERONAUTICS  
ADMINISTRATOR IS CONTINUING TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITIES  
OF CHARTER COMPANIES NOT BASED IN BERLIN THAT MIGHT  
TAKE ON JOB, BUT HE IS NOT SANGUINE.)

4. USCOB CONCURS (ALSO IN BERLIN 2186).SELIGMANN

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